

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application.

This amendment is submitted in order to simplify issues for appeal, and no new issues are raised. Entry for this reason is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, 18-19 and 21 remain in this application.

This amendment addresses some of the issues under 35 USC §112, first and second paragraphs. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the substrate is an ophthalmic lens (see pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action; page 1, lines 11-21 of the specification). Claim 1 has also been amended to remove the limitation *"a refractive index characteristic for fluorocarbons"* (see pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action). Other claim amendments reflect the amendments to claim 1. The claims have also been amended to improve the antecedent basis.

As a result, this amendment substantially reduces or eliminates the grounds for rejection under 35 USC §112.

The claims have also been amended to address the objections to claims 7 and 19.

Claims 1, 3-9, 18-19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over VEERASAMY, KNAPP et al., and optionally in view of CHIEN-SHING et al. and KLEMM et al. It is believed that these references have been

substantially addressed previously and the patentability of the present invention over this art will be further elucidated in the forthcoming appeal brief.

Statement of Substance of Interview

The Examiner is thanked for graciously conducting a telephonic interview with the applicant's representative on May 31, 2011. During the interview the possibility of submitting an amendment to simplify issues for appeal was discussed. The Examiner indicated that the amendment would be entered if no new issues are raised. At the end of the interview the Examiner prepared an Interview Summary. The Interview Summary has been reviewed, and it appears to accurately reflect the substance of the interview.

Conclusion

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any

additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37
C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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